

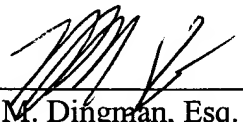
Remarks

The applicant has canceled claim 14 and 31 and made the amendments suggested by the examiner in paragraph two of the office action. Please note that a minor amendment has also been made to claim 17 so that there is a proper reference to the “means for sealing” of claim 1 (the “means for sealing” was a previous amendment to claim 1).

All outstanding issues have been resolved. The application is thus in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Westborough, Massachusetts, (508) 898-1501.

Respectfully submitted,



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